tives of the Corporation from time to time.

(d) and (e) Do not arise in view of (c) above.

Joint undertakings in Asean countries

2403. SHRI M. M. JACOB: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are industrial undertakings under joint ownership of Indians in ASEAN countries;

(b) if so, what is the number of such joint projects in various ASEAN countries; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to increase the number of such joint ventures in ASEAN countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) 57 manufacturing joint ventures in operation in ASEAN countries.

(c) As and when Indian promoters approach Government for approval under FERA, 1973 for their investment abroad, the proposal is examined on merits.

Bonus of Central Government Employees

2404. SHRI S. W. DHABE:

SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) how much bonus has been paid to the Central Government employees for the year 1984-85;

(b) whether any scheme has been formulated by Government for the payment of bonus on a permanent basis;

(c) how many Union Territories' administrations have paid bonus to its employees for the year 1984-85; and

(d) what steps Government propose to take to ensure payment of bonus to their employees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (c) productivity Linked Bonus/*ad hoc* bonus for the year 1984-85 has not yet been paid to the Central Government employees and employees of Union Territories.

(b) and (d) Productivity Linked Bonus Schemes introduced in commercial and production oriented sectors of the Central Government whose currency had expired have been extended from year to year. Similarly, employees who are not covered by Productivity Linked Bonus Schemes have been given *ad hoc* bonus from 1982-83 on a year to year basis. No final decision has yet been taken on the broad parameters for Productivity Linked Bonus Schemes for individual departments.

Pigmy Deposit Schemes in Banks

2405. DR. C. SILVERA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some nationalised Banks are operating pigmy deposit schemes and have appointed pigmy agents;

(b) whether these pigmy agents in all the nationalised banks are governed by a uniform set of rules; if not, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether safe working conditions for such agents have been ensured;

(d) whether it is a fact that the management of Syndicate Bank had assured their pigmy agents sometime back their absorption in the regular service of the Bank; if so, what is the number of agents, who have been absorbed in the regular service of the Bank in Delhi;

(e) what is the number of such agents who are vet to be absorbed; and

(f) what are the reasons for the delay in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Yes, Sir. A number of public sector banks are operating small deposit schemes under various nomenclature such as pigmy deposit schemes, daily deposit scheme, janta deposit scheme etc. involving day to day collection of small deposits by collection agents at the door steps of the depositors.

(b) and (c) The deposit collectors are not employees banks, but canvassing and collection agents of banks and are paid only commission on the business procured by them and at rates prescribed by each individual bank. Their terms of engagement are governed by the terms of agency agreement entered into between them and the banks concerned.

(d) Syndicate Bank has reported that no such assurance was given.

(e) Does not arise.

(f) Does not arise.

Setting up of Mini Steel Plants during the Seventh Plan Period

2406. DR. SHYAM SUNDAR MOHAPATRA:

SHRI INDRADEEP SINHA:

SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:

Will the Minister of STEEL, MINES AND COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up mini steel plants in the country during the Seventh Plan period;

(b) if so, what is the outlay earmarked for the purpose; and

(c) what are the names of the consultants for the plants?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF STEEL (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

मध्य प्रदेश में कोयला स्टाकयार्डों का स्थापित किया जाना

2407. **श्री प्यारेलाल खंडेलवाल :** क्या **इस्पात, खान और कोयला** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि कोल इंडिया लिमिटेड द्वारा मध्य प्रदेश में 12 भिन्न-भिन्न स्थानों पर कोयला स्टाकयार्ड स्थापित करने के संबंध में अब तक कितनी प्रगति हुई है ?

इस्पात, खान और कोयला मंत्री (श्री वसंत साठे) : फिलहाल मध्य प्रदेश में ग्वालियर, इंदौर और रायपुर में तीन स्टाकयार्ड काम कर रहे हैं तथा छः अन्य स्टाकयार्ड कटनी, भोपाल, सतना खंडवा, जबलपुर और रतलाम में खोलने के लिए कोल इंडिया लि० कार्रवाई कर रहा है ।

"फैन्सी टैक्सटाईल्स", कनाट प्लेस, नई दिल्ली द्वारा काले धन का जमा किया जाना

2408. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय :** क्या **वित्त** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को मालूम है कि फैन्सी टैक्सटाईल एम्पोरियम, एम-45, कनाट प्लेस, नई दिल्ली ने आयकर तथा अन्य करों की चोरी करके मफतलाल ग्रुप आफ फैब्रिक्स के लिए कई करोड़ रुपये का काला धन जमा किया और काला धन छिपाया है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार इस बारे में जांच करेगी ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री जनार्दन पुजारी) : (क) और (ख) कर-अपवंचन का ऐसा कोई मामला ध्यान में नहीं आया है । कर-अपवंचन का मुकाबला करना एक सतत प्रक्रिया है । जब कभी जरूरी पाया जाता है सभी सम्भव उपाय किए जाते हैं ।